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SUBJECT- SPECIAL EEC CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA

REF: A) STATE 57838 (NOTAL); B) USUM AOUR KNOTAL)

1. UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL RENNIE HAS TOLD ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BUFFUM AND INDICATED TO UNRWA WORKING GROUP
(REFTELS) THAT HE HAS REASON TO HOPE FOR SPECIAL CONTRI-
BUTIONS TO MEET UNRWA'S CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS INCLUDI G
ONE FROM EEC. EEC DONATION WOULD BE A SINGLE EMERGENCY
CONTRIBUTION SEPARATE FROM THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF
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ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA'S HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

WHICH THE EEC ALSO HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT EEC WILL CONSIDER SPECIAL UNRWA CONTRIBUTION AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APRIL 1-2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FCO OF FOLLOWING:

A. USG BELIEVES THAT REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES WHICH UNRWA WILL HAVE TO MAKE IN MAY IF FUNDS TO MEET FINANCIAL EMERGENCY NOT OTHERWISE IN SIGHT, ESPECIALLY COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, COULD PROVOKE SERIOUS REACTION IN REFUGEE COMMUNITY AT EXTREMELY INOPPORTUNE TIME FOR MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS;

B. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE URGENTLY CONSIDERING SPECIAL FY 1974 CONTRIBUTION BUT DO NOT WISH TO BE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR;

C. USG HOPES FOR FOREGOING REASONS THAT HMG WILL GIVE STRONG SUPPORT AT EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING FOR SIZEABLE SPECIAL EEC CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IN 1974.

3. FYI: EEC INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE APPARENTLY CONSIDERED CONTRIBUTION IN \$2-\$10 MILLION RANGE. RENNIE HAS MENTIONED HOPES FOR EEC DONATION OF \$8-\$9 MILLION. ALTHOUGH ANY AMOUNT WELCOME, EEC GIFT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST \$5 MILLION TO BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING U.S. CONTRIBUTION. END FYI. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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